

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please **CANCEL** claims **5, 7, 11, 22, 24 and 25**; and.
Please **AMEND** claim 1 as follows.

A copy of all pending claims and a status of each claim is provided below.

1. (Currently Amended) A gas opening/closing pin which opens and closes a gas inlet and outlet formed in a pipe holder which seals one end portion of a cylinder and allows a change in a position of a piston in the cylinder, comprising:

at least one streamlined ~~recess~~ recessed portion which opens the gas inlet and outlet formed on a side of an outer peripheral surface of a central portion of the gas opening/closing pin; and

an integrally formed washer-shaped boss body portion formed at a lower end of the opening/closing pin, the washer-shaped boss body having a non-conical surface which is structured and arranged to contact an axial end surface in the pipe holder,

wherein the at least one streamlined recessed portion does not extend about an entire outer periphery of the central portion and wherein the at least one streamlined recessed portion has an entirely closed perimeter defined by a non-recessed portion of the outer peripheral surface.

Claims 2-25 (Cancelled).